

More than two hundred applications were submitted by groups from 46 states and the District of Columbia. Applications were evenly distributed between urban and rural areas; and six were submitted by tribal organizations.

Funding in FY 2000 provided grants to 23 communities. An increase to \$125 million in FY 2001 will make grants available to an additional 55 projects. While this increase has helped communities get their program off the ground, more can be done to ensure that future funding is available.

I would like to highlight one program, the Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services Department, in my hometown of Houston, TX. This program is a good example of how CAP funds can improve a community's health care network. Harris County, Texas is the third most populated county in the nation and the most populated county in the state with approximately 3.2 million residents.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission estimated that in 1999, 25.5 percent of the total population in Harris County—834,867—was uninsured. Harris County's CAP project aims to assist three populations: Those with incomes under 200 percent of the Federal poverty level; those with incomes over 200 percent of the Federal poverty level; and those who are under insured.

The primary focus of this project is to improve the interagency communication and referral infrastructure of major health care systems in the city. This will improve their ability to provide preventive, primary and emergency clinical health services in an integrated and coordinated manner for the uninsured and under insured population. Harris County will place particular emphasis on the development and/or enhancement of the existing local infrastructure and necessary information systems.

In addition to expanding the number and type of providers who participate in collaborative care giving efforts, Harris County would establish a clearinghouse for local resources, care navigation and telephone triage to increase accessibility and reduce emergency room care. The clearinghouse will receive referrals of uninsured patients from health service providers and patient self-referrals. The consortium will give special attention to health disparities in minority groups. It will establish a database for monitoring, tracking, care navigation and evaluation. In Harris County, it is expected that this initial support from grant funds would become self-sustained through contributions from participating providers, especially smaller primary care providers who can rely on the centralized triage program for after-hours response.

Harris County will also develop a plan to allow private and public safety-net providers to share eligibility information, medical and appointment records, and other information. The program will beef up efforts to make sure families and children enroll in programs for which they might be eligible, including Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). In addition, Harris County would facilitate simplified enrollment procedures for children's health programs.

Fortunately for my constituents in Houston, Harris County's program is eligible for a grant through the FY 2001 demonstration project.

They have completed their site visit, and are in the final stages of having their program approved. Unfortunately, communities who weren't fortunate enough to receive grants are still searching for ways to improve the health of their uninsured.

We in Congress have argued for years about the federal government's role in ensuring access to affordable health care. I believe that some type of universal care should be a priority for the long term. For the short term, however, authorizing the CAP program will place much-needed funds in the hands of local consortia who, working together, can help to alleviate this crisis—town by town and patient by patient.

RECOGNIZING JOSEPH PEATMAN

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2001

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Joseph Peatman for his exceptional 41 years of service to the legal field and his outstanding commitment and generosity to the Napa Valley community.

Joe Peatman was born in Los Angeles in 1934 and was admitted to the bar in 1959 after completing his education at Stanford University. His extensive experience within the community can be traced back over 40 years. From the early-60s through the mid-70s, he was a member of the Napa County Board of Supervisors and served as a Trustee and President of the Napa Valley Unified School District.

He has also served, Mr. Speaker, as a Member of the Board of Directors to the Napa National Bank and as a Member of the Board of Visitors of Stanford Law School from 1978–1980. He is a member of the Napa County Bar Association and served as its President from 1963–1964. A managing partner in the professional law corporation of Dickenson, Peatman & Fogarty, established in 1965, he has specialized in land use, zoning, and real estate law for the past 41 years. On December 31, 2000, Joe Peatman officially retired from his successful legal practice.

In addition to his numerous legal accomplishments, Joe Peatman continues to be an active member of the Napa community. His contributions to the Queen of the Valley Hospital Foundation ensure that quality health care is available to the northern California community. He serves as the Executive Director of the Gasser Foundation and a Member of the Board of Trustees of the American Center for Wine, Food and the Arts. The Gasser Foundation is Napa Valley's largest philanthropic organization and its two main beneficiaries are Queen of the Valley Hospital and Justin-Siena High School. The American Center for Wine, Food and the Arts is posed to provide an array of public programs, including films, classes, demonstrations, tastings, and workshops for those individuals who enjoy food and drink as expressions of American culture.

Joe Peatman and his wonderful wife of 43 years, Angela, reside in Napa. They have

three children and seven grandchildren. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize, congratulate and thank my friend Joe Peatman for his 41 years of extraordinary service to the legal profession and to the community of Napa Valley. I wish him the best of luck in future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO ELDER EDWARD EARL CLEVELAND OF OAKWOOD COLLEGE

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 7, 2001

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to one of this century's most powerful evangelists, Elder Edward Earl Cleveland. As a worldwide evangelist traveling to over 67 countries of the world, Oakwood College is very fortunate to have had the talents of Elder Cleveland reside on their campus since 1977. During his fruitful 24-year career, Elder Cleveland has shared his evangelistic techniques with Oakwood students as a Lecturer in the Department of Religion at the College.

Cleveland's life and accomplishments are truly extraordinary. He has conducted over 60 public Evangelism campaigns, trained over 1100 pastors world-wide, preached on 6 continents and brought over 16,000 new believers into the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

His involvement with his community and his commitment to civil rights is no less impressive. Cleveland participated in the First March on Washington in 1957 with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He took the message of Dr. King with him to Oakwood organizing the NAACP Chapter for students there. He also took it to his Church where he was the first African-American integrated into a department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

I believe Elder Cleveland's blessed life can be captured in his life philosophy, "I have seen God, for so long, do much with so little, I now believe He can do anything with nothing—meaning me." Thank goodness he had left a library of his works for us to learn from including "The Middle Wall," "The Exodus" and his most recent work, "Let the Church Roll On."

As Elder Cleveland retires, I would like to extend my gratitude for his service to his family, his wife Celia, his son Edward Earl and his grandsons Edward Earl II and Omar Clifford for sharing their beloved husband, father and grandfather with the world.

On behalf of United States Congress, I pay homage to Elder Cleveland and thank him for a job well done. I congratulate him on his retirement and wish him a well-deserved rest.